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SUBJ: LABOR CASE OF LUIS FRANCISCO NOVOA VS INTER AMERICAN
GEODETIC SURVEY, BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

REF: LETTERS: (A) DEPT JUSTICE FOREIGN LITIGATION UNIT
(RISTAU) BAR; JGH: AMC, 163-29-4, JAN 30, 1975, AND
(B) MAY 15, 1975; (C) DR ALVARO TORRES PENA (TO RISTAU)
APRIL 11, 1975)

1. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT OF THIS
CASE ON THE BASIS SUGGESTED BY OUR ATTORNEY, DR TORRES PENA
(REF C) WHICH AMOUNTS TO APPROX \$17,900.

2. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING A PART OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
IS THAT NOVOA WILL DROP HIS REQUEST TO THE COURT TO SUE
FOR A PENSION. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ONCE THIS HAS
BEEN DONE, THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IN THE 4TH CIRCUIT
LABOR COURT, WHICH STOPPED THE LEVY ACTION
TO ATTACH IAGS PROPERTY, WILL BECOME DEFINITE THUS
ESTABLISHING A FAVORABLE PRECEDENT.

3. THIS CASE HAS DRAGGED ON NOW FOR FIVE YEARS. THE
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL SEEMS TO ME BE JUST AND FAVORABLE
TO THE U. S. OUR OWN ATTORNEY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE. I
BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL RISKS IN DRAGGING
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THIS CASE OUT ANY LONGER. THE POSSIBILITY OF ADVERSE

PUBLICITY AGAINST USG CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED. REQUEST IMMEDIATE
APPROVAL OF DR TORRES' PROPOSAL.
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